

Date: December 13, 2007

**California Cultural and Historical Endowment
(CCHE)
Round Three Project Grant Summary**

Grant Applicant:
California Academy of Sciences

Project Division: 3
Grant Number: 16

Location /(City/County):
San Francisco/San Francisco

Amount Requested:
\$2,000,000

Amount Reserved:
\$483,750

Completion of Capital assets project will result in:

The rebuilding of the new California Academy of Sciences on the same site where the former buildings were located in Golden Gate Park. CCHE funds will be used to develop and construct a new exhibit of the natural history in California.

Property Arrangement:

The Charter for the City and County of San Francisco provide that the applicant has exclusive control of the premises in perpetuity.

CEQA Documentation:

Lead Agency: City and County of San Francisco

Documentation: The City and County of San Francisco, as Lead Agency, prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Final EIR was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on August 26, 2003. The City adopted the Findings on July 10, 2003.

The Project involves the rebuilding of the new California Academy of Sciences on the same site where the former buildings were located in Golden Gate Park. The floor area will increase from approximately 350,000 square feet to approximately 390,000 square feet but on a smaller footprint because of the increased basement level capacity. The main feature of the new facility will include the main lobby and courtyard, public education and new exhibit spaces, natural history museum, environmental resource center, auditorium, classrooms, laboratories, research, collections and administration space.

The EIR identified transportation as a significant impact in the Draft EIR but this impact was mitigated to avoid or substantially lessen the significant environmental effect on traffic as identified in the Final EIR. The mitigation measure identified applicable to the CCHE funded work is made a condition of CCHE approval.

Using its independent judgment in reviewing the EIR prepared for this Project, staff recommends the CCHE Board adopt the findings in the attached Mitigation Measure as identified in Exhibit A.

Budget/Tasks/Deliverables:

Activity	Total Cost
Creation of the California Exhibit	\$483,750
Totals	\$483,750

Matching Funds:

\$483,750 - Cash

**CALIFORNIA CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ENDOWMENT
BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 07-C 3-16
California Academy of Sciences
(California Exhibit)**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A CALIFORNIA CULTURAL AND
HISTORICAL ENDOWMENT (CCHE) GRANT AND AUTHORIZING
THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OR DESIGNEE, TO PROCESS THE
APPROVED GRANT FOR THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF
SCIENCES PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the CCHE is dedicated to preserving historical and cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, CCHE has received an appropriation from Proposition 40 California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002; and

WHEREAS, CCHE may distribute funds from Proposition 40 to projects that provide a thread of California's cultural and historical resources; and

WHEREAS, the Project listed above meets the objectives of the CCHE program; and

WHEREAS, the Project involves the rebuilding of the new California Academy of Sciences on the same site where the former buildings were located in Golden Gate Park; and

WHEREAS, CCHE has independently considered the environmental effects of the Project as described in the Environmental Impact Report Prepared by the Lead Agency, City and County of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, CCHE is requiring that the applicant comply with the mitigation measure applicable to the portions of the Project that CCHE is funding, as a condition of approval; and

WHEREAS, approval of this grant application shall be conditioned upon the grantee's complying with all applicable laws and regulations; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CCHE Board adopts the Findings of Fact attached hereto as Exhibit A and adopts the mitigation measures therein applicable to those elements of the Project that CCHE is funding as a condition of approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CCHE Board approves funding for the Project in the amount of \$483,750; authorizes the Executive Officer, or designee, to file a Notice of Determination and to process the approved grant and take all necessary actions to enter into a Grant Agreement with the applicant, subject to availability of appropriated funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CCHE adopts the information contained in the CCHE Round Three Project Grant Summary.

Certification

The undersigned Chair of the CCHE Board of Directors does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CCHE Board of Directors held December 13, 2007.

Dated: _____

Signature: _____

Susan Hildreth
Chair, CCHE Board of Directors